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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEFS OF DIVISIONS AND STAFFS

FROM: ADO - ADPC

SUBJECT: DENIED AREAS OPERATIONS TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

1. TRS has, during the last month, been accumulating material for presentation in a specialized operations course designed to deal exclusively with the problems of conducting clandestine operations into territories to which staff and agent personnel of this Agency are generally denied access. The emphasis is, naturally, on operations into the territory of the Soviet Union and its satellites, both European and Asiatic.

2. As a final step in the development of this course, TRS wishes to conduct a two weeks seminar, with the participation of experienced personnel, in which the operational experiences of all divisions can be compared with a view to arriving at a body of course content suitable for presentation to subsequent classes. This seminar, a schedule of which (Appendix I) is attached for your information, is to run for two weeks beginning 31 March 1952.

3. Since the development of a satisfactory course of this kind will contribute substantially to the operational competence of both field and headquarters personnel engaged in such operations, the assignment of highly qualified and experienced personnel to the seminar is imperative. In addition, even a cursory examination of the schedule for the seminar indicates that the sensitivity of the material to be discussed demands demonstrated maturity and judgment of those who are to participate.

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4. It is requested, therefore, that each Division (and, where appropriate, each Staff) designate one SO Operations Officer and one PC Operations Officer to participate on a full time basis in this seminar. All nominees must meet the requirements set forth in Appendix II to this memorandum.

5. Notification of the designation of these officers should be sent to TDS/TRS on or before 17 March 1952. The designated officers should consult with [redacted] Chief Instructor, Denied Areas Operations (Room 209, Building [redacted]) at least one week prior to the beginning of the seminar to receive study and research material and topic assignments for discussions.

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